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d13 ANITA SMITH.

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PATRICK D. LYNCH.

Plaza del 11 de Setembre.

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Jan 13. 1m

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J 23. 1 m

Patrick and George Fleming,

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Buenos Ayres. J 16. 1 m

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F. 3. 21p

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F. 5. 3p

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39—CALLE DEFENSA—39

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15 p j 27

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Alterè.—Cicero.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 1864.

THE NORTHERN RAILWAY INAUGURATION.

Owing to the want of space in yesterday's paper we were obliged to hold over the important speeches made on the occasion by some of the most distinguished men in this country.

Mr. H. Zimmermann, the agent and representative of the Company rose and said—Mr. President, Governor and Gentlemen, we have assembled here to-day to solemnly inaugurate the last section of the Buenos Ayres Northern Railway Company. In bringing this work to a happy completion, the Company had much to contend with—many difficulties to overcome, but it is with my pleasing duty on this occasion to publicly thank the authorities, both National and Provincial, for the cooperation and assistance which at all times they have afforded us. I propose, gentlemen, as the toast, "Prosperity to the Argentine Republic, and with it couple the names of General Mitre the President, who sits on my right, and Governor Saavedra, who is on my left."

Mr. Zimmermann resumed his seat amidst shouts of applause, and the toast was drank with all the honors.

President Mitre rose and said—Gentlemen, I feel more embarrassed in being the first to respond to the toast which you have just drank, because I think I could make way for my friend the Governor, being as it were in his own house, but as he very truly remarks, wherever we be, so long as we are on the southern side of the Argentine territory, Argentines and foreigners should consider themselves at home. I rise to thank you all for the kind manner in which you drank the toast. I shall only commend the difficulties with which this Company has had to contend, in order to arrive at the consummation which we are this day all assembled to commemorate, but it is my ardent wish that the road will not stop in San Fernando, but will be continued on through the rich and fertile plains along the Paraná. I hope yet to see the locomotive of the Northern Railway leaping over our streams and ravines, climbing our hills, and sweeping through our valleys. Would to Heaven that our country gentlemen was divided only by railways, but unhappily we are torn by political intrigues—about what, gentlemen?—about miserable insignificant details. Notwithstanding, I am glad of the noise which is made by a band of restless politicians, who pretend to have the sanction of the Governor of the province. I here, most publicly declare, as President of the Argentine Republic, that I have always met with the great est support from my friend Governor Saavedra, who has laboured earnestly to help me in the national organization. Despite the fregret that those who have always looked to me as their party as myself should now differ about trifles, but proud am I to say that I count upon no exterior friend, no warmer ally than Governor Saavedra, Governor of the Province of Buenos Ayres. Built up with foreign capital, I am pledged as the President of this nation to the stockholders of the Northern Railway, for the maintenance of peace in the country, *and with the help of God, come what will, I shall never break it* (tremendous cheering). It is not with the cry in mind that we can treat best on such subjects as these, as it is easy *to get off the wall*, but I myself of this present opportunity surrounded as I am by some of my most distinguished fellow countrymen, and assisted in the presence of the leading foreigners in this country, who have always proved by their exertions their love for the advancement and progress of this the land of their adoption, to proclaim in the most formal manner my firm determination that peace must and shall be maintained (cheers). The President resumed his seat amidst the most vociferous applause.

Governor Saavedra then rose and said—To me it is one of the most grateful tasks to assist at ceremonies such as the present, and to be able to them as the feast days of progress and advancement in this country. I have no words to express my esteem for the gratifying expressions of my friend the President, my satisfaction on attending at this inauguration ceremony is redoubled on hearing the noble and eloquent speech of my friend the President; but we must not forget our friends abroad, gentlemen, I ask you gentlemen to fill high, and drink with me, prosperity to the Northern Railway and the English nation which has given us her capital to develop the inexhaustible resources of our country.—(Tremendous cheering.)

Dr. Rawson (Prime Minister) then rose — Gentlemen, the inauguration which we come here to-day to commemorate is, I hope, an omen of a happy future for this nation; shaken almost I may say to pieces by civil wars and anarchy, the Argentine Republic has just passed through a long period of bloodshed and ruin. Oh! my friends, could we but only stand the public money in railways and such like, instead of wasting it in swords and gunpowder, how happy would we not be! The Secretary of the Exhibition has given information over two millions of dollars; what a shame, what a disgrace, what a loss, this such a sum of money should have been spent in the desert lands of Rings when we want all the money we can get to make railways and if we also had the enormous sum wasted of private property, what will it not amount to? My friends, it behoves us all, after so sad an experience, to prevent for the future any such great cost to the nation

A NOTICE OF MR CHARLES MURRAY'S ARTICLE ON GEOLOGY.

"HOW OLD ARE WE?"

St. Patrick's College, Sale Quad-le Flores, January 20, 1866.

To the Editors of the "Standard."

Gentlemen,

I have just heard over the first number of the "River Plate Magazine," and whilst I express my satisfaction on reading many of the articles, I cannot refrain from saying, that it would be well if the editor exercised a little more discrimination in the insertion of papers from the pens of contributors. It is to be presumed, that all your readers of the magazine are Christians, and such being the case, articles calculated to unsettle their belief in the authenticity, veracity, or inspiration of the Scriptures, might, without suffering an injury on his readers, be left out or if objected to, give full scope to freedom of opinion and freedom of discussion; it may be advisable that contributions having even indirectly such a tendency, should not pass unnoticed. I allude, in particular, to a paper which appears in the number just from Mr. Charles Murray, and read in September last, before the Argentine Phonmeutical Society, and which was received apparently with much favour by that learned and enlightened body as it was published in their review of October 1st, 1865; at least so the author tells us.

I am disposed to think that the act of the Pharmaceutical Society, sanctioning and approving Mr. Murray's theory, based, as it is, on a false assumption, and sustained by illogical reasoning, is not calculated to exalt them in the mind of the thinking and educated portion of society.

Mr. Murray seems to think that there is a contradiction between the Bible and Geology; that up to a very recent period we were in a state of profound ignorance as to the age of the world and the age of man, and that we were led into this error by believing the teaching of a certain book called the Bible, and that those learned men, such as Firin, Salin, Tournemine, Perron, Usher, and Lingtot, one best and most learned writers on Biblical chronology, were only a set of fools, unworthy of any credit. Now, I mean to show that Mr. Murray is wrong in asserting that there is a contradiction between the Bible and Geology, and that he has not proved his case.

Had Mr. Murray paid but half as much attention to the teaching of the Bible, as he seems to have done to that of his geological friends, he would not have fallen into such gross error. In fact, he appears so charmed with their geological discoveries, and regarding them as proofs irrefragable against the Bible, that he seems to have opened the Sacred Volume at all. Had he read the first chapter of Genesis, it could not have escaped a man of his sense and discernment, that the creation of the earth and the creation of man are two distinct facts, which are not stated to have happened at the same time; he would not have fallen into the mistake, that the creation of the earth was the work of the six days, and would have been spared the trouble of supposing that the days mentioned in Genesis were periods of almost unlimited duration, which he has done, no doubt, with the charitable intention of preserving the Bible from being rendered as an antiquated fable, fit only for the dust basket or chandler's shop. Mr. Murray asserts that geology says one thing, and that the Bible says another, and assumes that geology is right, and that the Bible is wrong; but when he examines the subject a little better, he will change his opinion, and admit with me, that there is, in reality, no contradiction between them. Now, what can we collect from the Scriptural Simply this, that in the *beginning* God created the Heavens and the Earth, and afterwards, but how long afterwards we know not, when the earth was shapeless and void, and darkness was on the face of the deep, God was pleased to fashion it for the habitation of man. The Bible does not say what time elapsed between the *beginning* and the work of the six *days*, on the last of which man was created. We are at liberty to suppose that myriads of years must have elapsed in this undefined period, and during that time all those changes may have taken place, traces of which geologists have discovered.

In truth, the Scripture assigns no date for the creation of the earth; not so, however, for the creation of man. Mr. Murray says, "the greater portion of men believe that the world was created some six thousand years ago, and give, as the basis of their opinion, the first chapter of Genesis, which says it was formed in six days, and their chronology makes out that it has elapsed just six thousand and odd hundred years ago."

Now, if Mr. Murray wished to speak more accurately, he would have said, "the greater portion of men, if questioned on the subject, would reply, 'we know little about it;'" but if he questioned those who have given the subject due consideration, they would tell him that the earth was created in the beginning, but how long ago they could not say, and that it was nowhere said in Genesis that it was formed in six days, as Mr. Murray falsely assumes, and on which false assumption founds an argument against the veracity of the Sacred Volume itself. They would also tell him, that six thousand years have not yet elapsed since the creation of man, and that neither he nor any other has as yet made a discovery to prove that the human race is of higher antiquity.

Mr. Murray says that "geologists require a greater space of time than six thousand years, in order to account for the traces of revolutions and phenomena discovered in the internal conformation of the shell of our globe which the earth must have existed for millions of years." Now, the Scripture does not, in any place, assert the contrary, so that the required time may be found in that indefinite period when elapsed between the *beginning*, and the *six days of the six days*. How, then, can any one assert that there is contradiction between Geology and Scripture? Mr. Murray is not satisfied with the age of the world, and still much less so with the age of man. He wants to know if the human race is much older than we imagined; and if antiquity of family is considered as honourable as it is generally thought, we have every reason to be obliged to him for his kind intention. His mode of increasing the age of man, brings to my mind a story told by Mr. Charles Mathews, the celebrated comic actor:—Mathews, it appears, on one occasion, having no engagement on hand, rambled into the northern counties of England to look after his relatives, and not content with the living specimens he met with, he visited the churches and read the tablets of the dead, and he saw, to his great astonishment, by the record on the tomb stone, that one of his family lived to the ripe old age of 140. He naturally inquired after the matter, and the following explanation was given:—After the good old man was dead, and signed to the dust, a stone cutter was employed to place a tombstone over him, and on which were inserted all his virtues, and ages 84 years. The old kinsman, coming to see if full justice had been done to the departed friend, found the age, said he was five years older, and insisted that the stone-cutter should add that number to his work. The simple trades man took it at his word, and he added *five* to eighty-four. Thus, by one figure, he made the good old English yeoman five years older than he was, and so added *sixty* years to his age. Now, who did the stone cutter add the sixty years? Why, he added a cipher to the eighty-four, and the following explanation was given:—After the good old man was dead, and signed to the dust, a stone cutter was employed to place a tombstone over him, and on which were inserted all his virtues, and ages 84 years. The old kinsman, coming to see if full justice had been done to the departed friend, found the age, said he was five years older, and insisted that the stone-cutter should add that number to his work. The simple trades man took it at his word, and he added *five* to eighty-four. Thus, by one figure, he made the good old English yeoman five years older than he was, and so added *sixty* years to his age. Now, who did the stone cutter add the sixty years? Why, he added a cipher to the eighty-four, and the following explanation was given:—

Let us see how Mr. Murray proceeds to enlarge our longevity. He brings forward a few bricks found in the ruins of the Nile, and a jaw-bone found in France; and on these two facts he builds up a theory to show that man, instead of being almost six thousand years old, must at least be twelve thousand. Bricks are very useful in ordinary purposes, but for such a superstructure as Mr. Murray designed, he will find them very useless. These bricks were found at the depth of seventy feet, in the cement of the Nile, and thus reasons Mr. Murray on this geological fact:—"*If* the bile deposited in ancient times, at the rate of one inch in a century, that is, five inches in every hundred years, the man who made those bricks must have lived twelve thousand years ago." Now, if Mr. Murray imposed on himself by such a system of ratiocination, he should not wish to impose on others. For that foolish hypothesis, he should first prove, beyond a question of doubt, that the Nile in ancient times *did deposit only five inches every hundred years*. This he has not done, or even attempted. His theory, then, must fall to the ground. All calculations, made on that supposition, are false. The Nile must partake of the uncertainty of the inundations of that river. I would have expected, from a man of Mr. Murray's practical and business habits, before, that he would have quoted some authority on the subject; nor would I have been surprised, had he favoured us on this subject with the opinion of the representative of Egyptian science, viz., Trismegistus.

The mention of the jaw-bone on those who propose an alteration, and as Mr. Murray has not thought proper to give us any, I must look for it myself, and I found it—a baseless fabric. The bone dug by which the simple stonecutter converted the honest Englishman into a patriarch, had something laughable in it. At all events, it was harmless and void of consequences; but to find a man like Mr. Murray, building a position requiring at least common sense, and implying some literary acquirements, with unbecoming flippancy, at a conclusion which doubles the age of the human family, based on a *hypothetical assumption*, and which implicates the truth of Scripture, is enough to make us sad. The verdict against Mr. Murray on this count is "Not Proven."

Let us now examine the other fact, viz., the fossil jaw found at Abbeville, and on which he invites us to prove the existence of man prior to the time that common theory gives out. Mind, this common theory, he calls it, is taken from the Bible which we were taught to regard as the inspired Word of God, and which theory we are called on by Mr. Murray to abandon, and adopt his, based on a few old bricks and a jaw-bone. It is clear that in his brick case he broke down, and I appreheud that he is not likely to be more successful with his jaw bone; nor is his hypothesis likely to rival that of Samson, acquired by wielding a weapon something similar.

In the first place, it was doubted by many if it was a real fossil; and it was said that the person who claimed the honor of the discovery was imposed on by the workmen employed in the pit. Such a doubt naturally suggested itself in such cases, as we all know how antiquarians and geologists have, from time to time, been imposed on. We all know the story of the discovery of the shield, as its supposed, by Marlborough's men, and how it was so highly prized, covered as it was with venerable rust. Whilst he was thinking over what his importance was when bright and new, his officious old housemaid one day scoured off the rust, and he turned out to be an old pot-lid. Well it would be, indeed, if, in such a controversy, the jaw-bone was pronounced to be a true fossil. I could scarcely question the opinion of Mr. Carpenter on such a point, as I long enjoyed the honor of his acquaintance, and know him to be second high as a physiologist. He could not be mistaken as to the bone itself, but I am quite sure that he would not, like others, infer from this fact that man is older than Bible chronology makes him.

Mr. Murray states that the fact of this fossil having been found in a stratum deposite of considerable depth, demonstrates that man existed when that part of the country was covered with water a hundred feet deep. Now, this leap at the conclusion that man is much older than Biblical chronology implies, that the bone found in the gravel pit at Abbeville was coeval with the deposit of the gravel, and that the bone was of the same age as the gravel. But no such conclusion is authorized by the fact. The gravel is naturally inquired after the matter, and the following explanation was given:—After the good old man was dead, and signed to the dust, a stone cutter was employed to place a tombstone over him, and on which were inserted all his virtues, and ages 84 years. The old kinsman, coming to see if full justice had been done to the departed friend, found the age, said he was five years older, and insisted that the stone-cutter should add that number to his work. The simple trades man took it at his word, and he added *five* to eighty-four. Thus, by one figure, he made the good old English yeoman five years older than he was, and so added *sixty* years to his age. Now, who did the stone cutter add the sixty years? Why, he added a cipher to the eighty-four, and the following explanation was given:—After the good old man was dead, and signed to the dust, a stone cutter was employed to place a tombstone over him, and on which were inserted all his virtues, and ages 84 years. The old kinsman, coming to see if full justice had been done to the departed friend, found the age, said he was five years older, and insisted that the stone-cutter should add that number to his work. The simple trades man took it at his word, and he added *five* to eighty-four. Thus, by one figure, he made the good old English yeoman five years older than he was, and so added *sixty* years to his age. Now, who did the stone cutter add the sixty years? Why, he added a cipher to the eighty-four, and the following explanation was given:—

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